

**City of Middletown**  
Parks & Recreation Department  
100 Riverview Center  
Suite 140  
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

**Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of April 7, 2011**  
**Held at the Recreation Department Office at 100 Riverview Center**

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Tom D'Aquila, Tony Jaskot, Phil Pessina, Sheila Jones and Ricky Romano. Director Raymond Santostefano, Superintendent Raymond Jacobs representing the Parks and Recreation Department.

Absent: Commissioner Drew and Superintendent John Milardo.

Call: Chairman Winzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, in the main room of the Recreation Office, at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140.

Public Hearing: Phil Cacciola, Consumer Protection & Weights & Measures ADA Coordinator, spoke about questions regarding the Palmer Field fees. He regretted the fact that the city didn't get the American Legion Tournament and the CIAC Tournament. He stated that this would impact the income for the concession stand. He requested that this issue be looked into further.

Rich Brock from Middletown Little League spoke once again about putting banners out at Hubbard Field. The commissioners stated that because Little League did not comply with the wording on the banners, the request was previously voted down.

Discussion: The commissioners and the Director discussed the issue concerning the banners and it was decided that a plan needed to be devised and then addressed in front of the commission, once again.

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of March 3, 2011. Commissioner Romano accepted. Commissioner D'Aquila seconded the motion. Commissioner Pessina abstained.

Vote: The Parks & Recreation Commission minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports: Director Santostefano spoke about the Parks Department's status; the parks officially opening March 1, 2011, field maintenance, dock repairs, tunnel maintenance, tennis court painting, etc.

Director Santostefano spoke about the Recreation Department programs in progress. He also spoke about donations that have been made to the Willie Pep Park.

Director Santostefano spoke about the sport grant with the two to one match and stated that there is no longer a two to one match when awarding the grant.

Correspondence: None

Miscellaneous: Director Santostefano discussed the request of Connecticut Ballet to conduct a ballet event at Harbor Park on the river. He stated that the person who is requesting the event would have to go through many steps in order to get the necessary approvals.

Motion: Councilman Pessina made a motion to approve the ballet event, providing that the other city agencies give their approval and make a donation to the Parks and Recreation summer camps fund for \$500.00. Commissioner D'Aquila seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Santostefano read a letter he had received from Brother Bryan Davis, Xavier High School, regarding using the Middletown crew docks on the Connecticut River sometime next year, due to the Arrigoni Bridge construction.

Motion: Commissioner Pessina made a motion to grant the request for use of the Middletown crew docks. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Jaskot abstained.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved

Discussion: Commissioner D'Aquila requested a discussion regarding this matter. He stated that he would like Director Santostefano to notify Mike Pitruzzello.

Old Business: Director Santostefano spoke about the Hartford Marathon Foundation/Swim at Crystal Lake and stated that there has not been any further correspondence from the Hartford Marathon. He also spoke about the rubber membrane for ice skating at Pat Kidney Field for skating next winter, which will be constructed utilizing the remaining \$3800.00 in the sport grant line item and funding from the Parks and Recreation revenue account. He stated that the skateboard park construction at Willie Pep Park has been redone and the concrete will be poured by the weekend of April 10, 2011.

Director Santostefano will be focusing on getting together with someone from Little League regarding the proposal concerning advertisement at Hubbard Field.

Director Santostefano spoke about the back-ground checks for volunteers only. It will be the volunteer's responsibility to pay for and supply the required information to the Recreation Department. Back-ground checks will not be conducted on anyone under eighteen years old because the information is sealed.

New Business: None

Miscellaneous: The commissioners discussed the CIAC and American Legion tournament fees. A decision was made to meet with officials from the American Legion and CIAC on May 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular 7:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation monthly commission meeting.

Adjournment:

Commissioner D'Aquila made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati

cc Mayor Sebastian Giuliano